

CHARGE OF A PLOT TO COERCE. C. C.

La Follette Tells Senate of
"Conspiracy" in Matter of
Railroad Rates.

A charge that a gigantic conspiracy had been at work to influence, compel and coerce the interstate commerce commission to hand down a decision favorable to the railroads in the so-called freight rate increase cases now pending before the commission was made in the Senate yesterday afternoon by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. He addressed the Senate in support of his bill making it a misdemeanor to attempt to influence the interstate commerce commission in regard to freight rate increase cases. He pointed out that many of these had been transmitted to the commission from the President and from members of the cabinet, as shown by rubber stamp marks made at the White House and the department.

Democratic Party Warned.

Through all the letters addressed to the President and transmitted to the commission, from the White House, Senator La Follette said, ran the theme that the political party which did not preserve prosperity regardless of price could not continue in power. Senator Borah of Idaho suggested that in view of the fact that these letters were merely rubber-stamped they had been transmitted from the White House in the ordinary routine way.

"I can't tell about that," said Senator La Follette. "The Senate can draw its own conclusions. I only state that these letters are marked 'respectfully acknowledged' and signed by the President's secretary, Mr. Tumulty."

He read from several of the letters. One of them said to the President:

"Put in a word close up. You are a practical man, as I am. Do this thing, and the republican party need not nominate a candidate against us in 1916. Do not do it, and we need not put up a candidate."

Another letter, from J. H. O'Neal, president of the Federal Trust Company of Boston, declared that if the President could put through the rate increase it would be the crowning glory of his administration.

Details of "Conspiracy."

Senator La Follette talked for more than two hours and produced a mass of newspaper clippings, copies of letters and telegrams which found their way to the commission, in which the railroad plea. He declared that the "conspiracy" had made use of newspaper articles, editorials and advertisements; that manufacturers and bankers had assisted the commission with communications favoring an increase, and that the propaganda had been in evidence for months before the railroads made their application. Under the law, the senator said, the commission must receive evidence from the public and testimony taken by it and not upon the arguments advanced through such a conspiracy.

In the course of his speech the senator declared that in Washington newspapers President Wilson had been made to appear in favor of the rate increase. He said he could not believe that the President sought to influence the commission, but expressed surprise that these published reports of his attitude had never been denied.

Suspicious of the Courts.

The senator warned his colleagues that there is a growing suspicion in the minds of the people of this country that the courts are more inclined to look kindly on property interests than upon the rights of the individual. He said Congress could excuse itself for constituting a tribunal like the commission, turning over to it cases which vast numbers of the people in question and leaving it "exposed to every conceivable form of attack."

He said that as a result of one advertisement in a trade journal in the west he had received about 150 letters urging the increase. He told how a woman, Harlan, of the commission, was called from his bed at midnight recently to receive such a communication.

"There is no mistaking what has been done," said the senator. "The 'kick' man, though a fool, knows that there has been an organized conspiracy to coerce the commission to compliance with the demands of the railroads. The evidence has been taken from the public, handed over to them and no questions asked."

**KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR,
MISS HAGER BADLY HURT**

Mrs. McCulloch, Wife of Army Officer, Was at Wheel of the Machine.

Miss Edna N. Hager, daughter of William E. Hager, of 1211 L street southeast, was knocked down by an automobile while crossing near 8th and K streets northwest shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and seriously injured. The automobile was operated by Mrs. McCulloch, wife of Lieut. Col. C. C. McCulloch, U. S. A., her husband and a friend of the family being in the vehicle with her. Miss Hager was hurried to Emergency Hospital in an automobile belonging to M. H. Hopwood of 8th and K streets northwest. Sgt. Catts accompanying her.

It is stated that Miss Hager, who is employed in a department store, was on her way home and was crossing the street to board a car at 9th street and New York avenue, when she was knocked down. The automobile did not pass over her. It is claimed that she became confused and got in the way of the approaching machine, and Mrs. McCulloch, it is stated, was unable to prevent the accident. Miss Hager was unconscious when picked up and rushed to the hospital. She was suffering from a concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull. The patient regained consciousness during the night and was reported as being much better this morning.

Mrs. McCulloch went to the first precinct police station and explained the affair to Lieut. Harrison. The latter conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given, and Mrs. McCulloch was asked to appear in court should the case reach there.

May Build Jewish Home.

Washington Hebrews are to consider the question of a home for the aged of their race at a meeting in Abner Sholem Temple, 5th and I streets northwest, Sunday afternoon.

Odd Finds of the CAMERA



BEAUTIFUL CITY OF THE DEAD.

Here is shown La Recoleta, the marble city of the dead in Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine republic. It is one of the most beautiful and costly cemeteries in the world. It is reserved for the number of great men and women of Argentina who there found their rest from the troubles of this phase. Some of the tombs have been modeled by world-famous artists. The cemetery covers several hundred acres, and its silent citizens number into the thousands.

PATENT OFFICE EMPLOYEE SHOOTSELF IN HEAD

Walter Johnson, Chief of Division, Commits Suicide, Probably Due to Despondency.

Walter Johnson, seventy-two years old, a veteran of the civil war and for many years chief of the interference division of the patent office, yesterday afternoon visited an undertaking establishment at 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest and committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

A note addressed to the disposition of the body, and a second note asked that Charles F. Chisholm, an assistant examiner in the patent office, be notified in case of sickness or accident.

"If sick," Johnson wrote, "take me to a hospital; if dead take me to Lee's and notify Charles F. Chisholm. Do not take me to a private residence."

Despondency Follows Demotion.

It is stated that the war veteran was demoted several months ago, and since that time, it is said, he showed signs of despondency. A week ago he turned over his private papers to his friend, Chisholm, and told him they were to remain undisturbed until after his death. Yesterday morning he gave Mr. Chisholm to understand that he might have something for him to look after later in the day.

Johnson had attended a number of funerals of war veterans held at the undertaking establishment where he ended his life. When he reached the establishment yesterday afternoon Johnson viewed the body of a veteran in the chapel and then walked back to the crematory, where, he had stated, he wanted his body reduced to ashes. He spoke to a colored employee, drew a pistol from his pocket and shot himself. The pistol was a single-barreled affair that was made in 1869.

Former Home in Michigan.

The deceased came here from Jackson, Mich., more than thirty years ago and accepted a position in the patent office. He said very little about his relatives, his friends say, and he lived almost in seclusion. He recently occupied a room at 109 1/2 street northwest. Arrangements have been completed to cremate his body late this afternoon.

President Attends the Circus.

President Wilson went to the circus last night, remaining until the finish, and enjoying himself very much. With him were his daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson; Miss Helen Bones, Dr. Cary Grayson, Senator Hughes, Secretary Furness, Thomas J. Pearce and Otto Carmichael. The party occupied a special box.

S. Kann Sons & Co.

"THE BUSY CORNER" 8TH ST. AND PENNA. AVE.

Three Days' Sale of Hair Goods

Especially Low Priced

Look for these at Bargain Table—Street Floor.
(Your hair will be arranged in the Hair Store, 3d Floor, if you wish to put on at once a switch bought at the Bargain Table.)

With the new high hair dressing requiring such a quantity of hair to accomplish—this opportunity to buy the needed switch at tomorrow's special prices should not be overlooked.

Long Wavy Hair Switches as Follows:

20-inch Switch.....	75c	40-inch Coronet Braid, Special.....	\$2.35
24-inch Switch.....	\$1.35	All-around Transformation of wavy hair, 85c	
28-inch Switch.....	\$2.29	"Kiss Curls," one of the latest fads, 75c	
22-inch Gray Switches.....	\$3.45		

New Taffeta Silk Ruching, a yd., \$1.50

About 3 inches wide, pinked edge, and much in demand for millinery or trimming uses. Very new and especially popular for trimming black silk dresses.

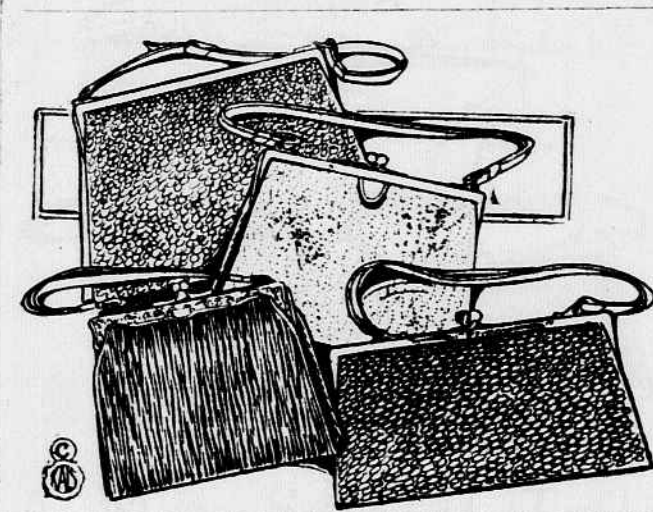
50c to \$1.50
Pleating Store—Street Floor.

NOTE OUR NEW STORE HOURS
Open at 9 A.M., Close at 5:45 P.M. Daily, Including Saturday

S. Kann Sons & Co.

"THE BUSY CORNER" 8TH ST. AND PENNA. AVE.
SEND YOUR FURS AT ONCE TO OUR COLD STORAGE.

Tomorrow Our Best Sale Sample Handbags



From Leading Importers, to Which We Have Added Many Broken Lots From Several Wholesale Houses

Of all our notable sales of Handbags this one is by far the best because of the superior qualities of the bags and the low prices asked. Variety is so great we cannot begin to describe the many new and effective styles, but have grouped them into

5 Lots on Street Floor Bargain Tables

where you will find just the style handbag you want.

Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5
Silk and Leather Handbags, in black and colors. \$5 TO \$7 VALUES. SALE PRICE, \$2.98	Leather and Black Moire Silk Handbags; beautiful styles. \$3.50 TO \$4.50 VALUES. SALE PRICE, \$1.98	Silk and Leather Handbags, in black and colors. \$3.00 VALUES. THIS SALE, \$1.49	Silk and Leather Handbags, in black and colors. \$2.50 TO \$3.50 VALUES. THIS SALE, 98c	Silk and Leather Handbags, in black and colors. \$2.00 TO \$3.00 VALUES. THIS SALE, 69c

A May Sale of Toilet Accessories

WONDERFULLY READY TO FILL THE NEEDS OF EVERY WOMAN'S TOILET TABLE AND THE BATHROOM WITH QUALITY TOILET ARTICLES AT EXTRA BIG PRICE SAVINGS.

Lablache Face Powder, all tints. Per box.....	29c	Pinaud's Eau de Quinine, large bottle, regularly.....	69c
Tellow's Swansdown or Gosamer. Per box.....	15c	Pinaud's Eau de Quinine, medium size, regularly.....	35c
Java Rice Powder, all tints. Per box.....	25c	1-lb. package Absorbent Cotton, regularly.....	19c
Masatta Talcum Powder, regularly 15c box.....	10c	Daggett & Ramsdell Cold Cream, regularly.....	26c
1-lb. box Earl Violet Talcum Powder. Per box.....	14c	Jergens' Benzoin and Almond Lotion, regularly.....	16c
Amolin Powder. Per box.....	10c	Hinds' Honey and Almond Cream, regularly.....	29c
Snowberry Floating Bath Soap, 4 cakes.....	10c	Dioxigen, regularly.....	35c
Large bar Earl Castle Soap, regularly 15c.....	10c	16-oz. bottle Peroxide, regularly.....	10c
Palm Olive Soap, regularly 7c cake.....	5c	Sosodont Tooth Powder, Paste or Liquid, per bottle.....	12c
Cuticura Soap, box of 3 cakes, regularly 12c.....	7c	Calox Tooth Powder. Per box.....	15c
White Foam Ammonia, regularly 25c bottle.....	15c	Elite Tooth Powder, regularly 25c.....	15c
Kann's Double Distilled Witch Hazel, regularly 21c bottle.....	17c	Sanitol Tooth Powder, Paste or Liquid.....	15c
Lasterine, large size bottle.....	59c	Park & Tilford's Bay Rum, regular 42c.....	35c
Westhals' Hair Auxiliary, \$1.00 size.....	31c	Pompeian Cream, regularly 50c.....	39c
Coke's Dandruff Cure, 50c bottle.....	39c		

Our Annual May Sale of Black Satin-Back Velvet Ribbons

Presents Values It Will Be Impossible to Secure Later

We bought early, since then black velvet ribbon prices have been advancing, and we could not possibly buy now for the same money we paid earlier. The great popularity of black velvets now is another point to take into consideration when you are offered good quality black satin-back velvet ribbons at such prices as these—

Nos.	Reg. price	Sale price	Price per piece
2	10c yard	6c yard	55c piece
4	15c yard	10c yard	95c piece
5	18c yard	12c yard	\$1.15 piece
7	25c yard	15c yard	\$1.45 piece
9	27c yard	19c yard	\$1.85 piece
12	35c yard	25c yard	\$2.45 piece
16	45c yard	29c yard	\$2.85 piece
22	49c yard	35c yard	\$3.45 piece
40	59c yard	39c yard	\$3.85 piece
50	65c yard	49c yard	\$4.85 piece
60	75c yard	59c yard	\$5.85 piece

Bargain Table—Street Floor.

59c TO 98c SEASONABLE SPRING HOME NEEDS FOR ONE DAY AT

We Limit Quantities at the Price Quoted

Garbage Cans; best galv. 4ron, deep cover, ball handle. Extra size.....	39c	Tea Plates; plain white Syracuse china; thin and dainty. Per dozen.....	39c	Step Ladders; clear, selected lumber; 4-foot size. Complete with self.....	39c	Plated Forks; heavy silver-plated stock; "Rosalia" design. 3 for.....	39c
Waste Baskets; fancy colored stock; dainty shapes and large sizes.....	39c	Water or Beer Glasses; thin-blown glass; bell shape; nice size. 1 dozen for.....	39c	"Lenox" Laundry Soap; large cakes; high-grade stock. 12 cakes for.....	39c	Table Knives; heavy silver-plated stock; plain design. 3 for.....	39c
Brown Japanese Bamboo Baskets; fancy shapes, styles and designs. Choice.....	39c	Toilet Paper; extra grade perforated stock; large rolls. 8 for.....	39c	Ten Cups and Saucers; plain white porcelain; excellent shape and size. 6 of each.....	39c	Ice Tea Glasses; very fine quality colonial glass; 12-ounce size. 6 for.....	39c
Milk Boilers; seamless pure aluminum; strong side handle. 2 quart.....	39c	"Tiny Time" Clocks; choice several finishes; high-grade movement.....	39c	Parlor Brooms; very high grade selected stock. Finely finished.....	39c	4-gallon pitcher, 6 tumblers, tin tray. Set for.....	39c
Lipped Sauce pans; seamless aluminum; 2, 3 and 5 pint sizes. Choice.....	39c	Wash Tubs; best galv. iron; riveted handles; strong bottoms. 18-inch size.....	39c	Teaspoons; heavy silver-plated stock; "Rosalia" design. 6 for.....	39c	Tar Paper; extra quality, double strength, large sheets. 12 sheets in roll.....	39c
Garden Set, comprising 12-tooth rake and 7½-inch hoe, both with long handles.....	39c	Stop Jars; good grade blue tinted stoneware; ball handle; cover. Large size.....	39c	Tablespoons; heavy silver-plated stock; "Rosalia" design. 3 for.....	39c	Tar or Cedar Bags; best quality; sure protection against moths. Each.....	39c

PORCH OR HOUSE DRESSES OF ALL PURE LINEN

Are making a very strong appeal to the woman who wants something really nice to put on for house wear in the morning. Shown here first in Washington.

Such statements as these are suitable not only for wear in the house, but for the porch, the lawn, the garden, or even trim enough for the street.

Many of the Same Models We Offer Are Sold in Other Cities at \$4 \$2.95

Our Price Is But.....

The styles are very neat, and the workmanship is of the very best in cut, fit and finish. Colors are rose, light blue, Copenhagen blue, Yale blue, pink and a number in white linen, trimmed with dainty swiss embroidered collars and cuffs.

House Dress Store—Second Floor, Adjacent to Waist Store.

Again Thursday!

Offering

China and Japanese Mattings

at Tremendous Price

Reductions

25c, 30c and 35c Values

Because of a delay in transit, this fine quality new goods has found no room in our warehouse and must, therefore, go at sacrifice prices. All are new season's patterns. Although many hundreds of people were supplied in Monday's great sale, there are still many of the best and most popular designs in the lot.

110-warp China Mattings—Our most popular seller; smooth, glossy finish; guaranteed hand-painted like to like. The accident. Miss Hager was unconscious when picked up and rushed to the hospital. She was suffering from a concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull. The patient regained consciousness during the night and was reported as being much better this morning.

180-warp Japanese Mattings, in patterns copied from carpet designs, in green, red, blue and brown.

27-inch 110-warp China Mattings, a width very seldom found in imported mattings, in patterns to match any of our 36-inch styles; for halls and stairs this matting is the ideal material.

Matting Store—Third Floor.

Unprecedented Garment News

Over 1,500 Fresh New Dresses, Coat Suits and Coats

In a Sale at Less Than Cost of Material

Choice at \$14.95

Garments Formerly Priced Up to \$35

Ready tomorrow for the crowning garment event of the season because of the extraordinary values in most wanted Suits, Coats and Dresses.

WHY are they so low priced? Because makers are turning their attention to summer lines and willing to sell to us at big concessions their surplus stock of spring apparel. Because of our desire to close our own spring styles. We have therefore grouped these lots at one price for immediate disposal. The price should do it.

SELECT FROM DRESSES FOR ALL OCCASIONS, SUITS FOR EVERY OCCASION, COATS FOR EVERY EVENT in all the best materials and most fashionable colorings in every size.

AT STREET FLOOR BARGAIN TABLE; \$15 TO \$20 DRESSES. CHOICE..... \$7.95

3 Days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday Spring Sale Office Supplies

Students will also do well to investigate. Every Price is a Special One.

CARTER'S AND STAFFORD'S

INKS—2-ounce bottles. Special..... 3 for 10c

One-half pint..... 32c

One quart..... 52c

WATERMAN'S FOUNTAIN

PEN INK—2-ounce bottles..... 8c

4-ounce bottles..... 12c

Traveler's Ink, 2 kinds..... 20c, 40c

Billboards, 25c to 25c kinds..... 20c, 24c, 28c

KANN'S WAX PAPER,

24 Sheets to the Roll, 4 Rolls..... 10c

Dennison's Paste or Glue at..... 4c and 8c

DENNISON'S PAPER FASTENERS; 100 to the box.....

10c size..... 8c

15c size..... 12c

20c size..... 16c

Clinch Paper Clips; 250 in box..... 4c

Niagara Paper Clips; box..... 4c

30c and 50c doz. Billboards..... 20c, 40c

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Two Lots Proving Very Attractive in RAMONY MILLS WASH DRESS FABRICS

Are the following, which have kept scissors and hand busy these last three days. Don't delay your purchases until the prettiest patterns are gone. Come tomorrow.

27-Inch Crepes and Batistes

In This Sale a Yd. 83c

In small Jany and floral designs, in pink, blue and other colors; designs in white and tinted grounds; lavender, pink and light blue. Real 10c and 12½c values.

25c Organdies

A Yd. in This Sale 18c

27 inches wide, in white and tinted grounds, pink, lavender and blue. Designs in the quaint and beautiful old-time organdy effects that our grandmothers delighted to wear.

Wash Goods Store—Street Floor.